

HOUSE RESOLUTION 102  
By McDaniel

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Gerald Hovater on the occasion  
of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gerald Hovater is one such estimable individual, who has served with distinction as a Professor in the Department of Education's Graduate Program, the Director of Teacher Education, and the Chairman of the Department of Education for Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, following his service as an officer in the Air Defense Artillery for the United States Army from 1961-63, Dr. Hovater completed his graduate work at the University of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, entering the education field, he taught mathematics, science, and history at Hubbertville High School in Fayette, Alabama, before becoming the high school's guidance counselor. Dr. Hovater then stood as the principal of Bluff City Elementary School in Eufala, Alabama, before returning to the University of Alabama to complete his doctorate work; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, Dr. Hovater began a storied career with Freed-Hardeman University when he was hired to plan and implement a teacher education program for the school. Dr. Hovater later became the university's first Director of Teacher Education, ably serving for more than fifteen years in such capacity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gerald Hovater also rendered sterling service as the Chairman of Department of Education, ushering Freed-Hardeman University into the highest tier of teacher preparation institutions in Tennessee; under his tenure, the university gained accreditation by

the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, was inducted into the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, and was reaffirmed as a teacher preparation institution by the State's Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hovater will be taking a much deserved retirement upon the completion of the spring semester; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gerald Hovater exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, he has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Dr. Gerald Hovater our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.